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Colleagues,

The report of the National Commission on Adult Literacy (*Reach Higher, America*) includes the following two paragraphs (p. 31):

"Nonprofit organizations of all kinds also need to be engaged. Workforce skills groups, one-stops, community colleges and other higher education institutions, various kinds of research and policy entities, youth development organizations, poverty and welfare agencies, national and state umbrella education organizations, voluntary and community-based organizations, and others all need to be part of the collective effort."

"The same principles that guide state planning and coordination, and interaction among government entities and business, should apply to nonprofit organizations: The Commission recommends the formation of a new national superagency membership organization, with philanthropic backing, to provide leadership, a platform for collaboration, and an effective voice for these disparate and vital nonprofit entities."

As a first step in defining need, structure, goals, and financing for this new collaborative entity, CAAL will convene a meeting of several key stakeholder groups in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, January 27th. Because of your interest and involvement in the Commission's work and your own organization's efforts in adult education and workforce skills development, I'm pleased to invite you to join this meeting. As of now, I expect it to last from 4-5 hours, probably beginning around 9:00 or 9:30 and including lunch.

The main purpose of the meeting is to discuss the recommendation but we will also briefly review the status of the Commission-generated legislation currently under development by Congressmen Patrick Kennedy and Ruben Hinojosa (and perhaps report on other activities and pending legislation that bears on the Kennedy-Hinojosa bill). By January, I hope our bill will reach polished draft stage and that we will be nearing the public phase where your organization can have input. We are also in communication with other group and individuals around the country that wish to support the legislation when they are called upon to do so.

We'll have a precise agenda and location soon, but the first step is to button down the date. Can you please let me know by return email if you (or your designate if necessary) can come on January 27th? (In case the 27th turns out not to be good for many invitees, could you also indicate your availability on the 28th, our backup option if needed.) If you'll be coming from outside the D.C. area, we hope to have a modest budget to help with travel costs where needed.

I hope very much that you will be able to join us for this important meeting. And to all of you -- for your patience, cooperation, and enthusiastic support and interest during the past several weeks, my warmest thanks and appreciation.





INVITATION TO

American Association of Adult and Continuing Education (Gary Eyre)

American Association of Community Colleges (Jim McKenney)

American Library Association (Dale Lipschultz)

American Youth Policy Forum (Betsy Brand)

Asian American Justice Center (Karen Narasaki)

Center for Applied Linguistics (Joy Peyton)

Center for Law and Social Policy (Julie Strawn)

Correctional Education Association (Steve Steurer)

Excelencia in Education (Sarita Brown)

Council for Advancement of Experiential Learning (Pam Tate)

Education Commission of the States (Bruce Vandal)

Jobs for the Future (Maria Flynn)

National Governors Association (Martin Simon)

Migration Policy Institute (Margie McHugh)

National Association of Manufacturers (Jennifer McNelly)

National Center for Education and the Economy (Ray Uhalde)

National Center for Family Literacy (Sharon Darling)

National Center on Adult Literacy, University of Pennsylvania (Dan Wagner)

National Coalition for Literacy (and COABE) (Sherrie Claiborne)

National Council of State Directors of Adult Education (Denise Pottmeyer)

National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges (Camille Preus)

Proliteracy (David Harvey)

Labor Leadership (Marshall Goldberg)

TechVision21 (Mary McCain)

State Higher Education Executive Officers (Charles Lenth)

U.S. Chamber of Commerce (Karen Elzey, Institute for a Competitive Workforce)

U.S. Department of Education (Cheryl Keenan, OVAE)

U.S. Department of Labor (TBD)

World Education/New England Transition Network (Silja Kallenbach)

Workforce Alliance (Andy van Kleunan)

Working Poor Families Project (Brandon Roberts)

VALUE (Marty Finsterbusch)

From: Gail Spangenberg

Date: November 5, 2008

Subject: Meeting Invitation re National Commission on Adult Literacy